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OILSEED PRODUCTION IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is promoting oilseeds production in the country;

(b) if so, whether any oilseeds technology mission has been implemented;

(c) if so, the specific steps taken to increase the production of oilseeds during the last three years;

(d) whether there is a vast scope to promote oilseeds cultivation in the hilly districts in Orissa; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A Technology Mission on Oilseed was set up in 1986 by Government of India in order to make the country self reliant in the production of oilseeds/edible oil.

(c): Under the Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) which was in implementation in 28 States upto the year 2003-04, assistance has been provided to the implementing States for various components like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, control of root grub, seed treatment, supply of improved farm implements, micro nutrients, demonstrations, supply of rhizobium/phosphate solublising bacteria culture, distribution of sprinkler sets, gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite and farmers training in order to motivate the farmers to take up cultivation of oilseeds on a large scale and to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds in the country.

(d)&(e): There is a scope for promoting cultivation of oilseeds like niger, mustard and groundnut crops in the hilly districts of Orissa. Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) during Xth Plan with effect from 1.4.2004 in all the districts of Orissa including the hilly districts. Under the scheme, financial assistance is being provided for various inputs viz. production and distribution of certified seeds, distribution of gypsum, rhizobium culture, sprinkler sets, plant protection equipments etc. to encourage the farmers to undertake oilseeds cultivation on a large scale.